

Winter Solstice 2005



Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2006

- January 7, 2006 Work Session
- January 8, 2006 Council Meeting

- January 21, 2006 Work Session
- January 22, 2006 Council Meeting

- February 4, 2006 Work Session
- February 5, 2006 Council Meeting

- February 18, 2006 Work Session
- February 19, 2006 Council Meeting

- March 4, 2006 Work Session
- March 5, 2006 Council Meeting

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Thank You!

I would like to send a Chi Miigwech to those elves that assisted in helping make this year's Winter Solstice Children's Party a success.

* **Tribal Council** for approving the request to have a party.

* **Gift Purchasing:** Ron & Ashley Boda; Cathy Olson; Rob, Mary, Courtney, Rochelle & Jacob Schneider.

* **Gift & Treat Bagging:** Ron & Ashley Boda; Rob & Courtney Schneider

* **Setup:** Patrick, Ron & Ashley Boda; Rob, Courtney & Rochelle Schneider

* **Kitchen:** Stephanie & Mallory Howell; Larry Howell; Shann Davenport; Maureen Kipatrack; and Julie Harrington

* **Gift Distribution:** Ron Boda & Rob Schneider

* **Music:** David & Amy Kagabintang

* **Cakes:** Maria Sargent, owner Sweet Maria's Confections

* **Our own Native "Santa"**

* **Other:** Melissa Barber— shopping for the treat bags and candy, & Mandy Ragland—who came in on Saturday morning so I can finish purchasing for the Party.

* **All those who stayed & helped clean up after the party.**

Without the help of volunteers, this party wouldn't have been possible.

We look forward to planning next year's party.
Theresa Boda, 2005 Winter Solstice Party Chair

Winter Solstice 2005

This year's annual Winter Solstice party was held at the new community center located at the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey, Michigan. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all who went. The winners from this year's party were:

Treat Bags golden-ticket" winner: Cody Walker
Gingerbread House Decorating Contest: YaLynn Nanegos
Gingerbread House Decorating Contest Runner-Up: Susie Swadling
Comment Card Drawing: Janet Sagataw

Chi Miigwech to Theresa Boda and

Stephanie Howell for stepping up and organizing the event for us all to enjoy! Your hard work did not go unnoticed ladies, way to pull it off with such short notice!

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Commission Meeting Dates

Tribal Council Minutes

Enrollment Commission

Indian Child Welfare

January 9, 2006 9:30 A.M.
 January 16, 2006 Noon
 February 4, 2006 9:30 A.M.
 February 20, 2006 Noon
 March 4, 2006 9:30 A.M.
 March 20, 2006 Noon

Meeting location is 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, Michigan. All meetings open unless noted in closed session.

Housing Commission

All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise posted close session.

January 2, 2006
 February 6, 2006
 March 6, 2006

All meetings start at 3:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of your Housing Commissioners.

Education Commission

January 14, 2006
 February 11, 2006
 March 11, 2006
 April 8, 2006

All meetings are open to the tribal membership unless otherwise noted. This meeting will be held in the education department classroom in the first floor of the governmental complex.

Health Commission

January 9, 2006
 February 13, 2006
 March 13, 2006

All meetings start at 6:30pm and are being held at the Government Complex at 7500 Odawa Circle.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 Tribal Council Meeting
 December 4, 2005
 Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
 Smudging 9:15 a.m.
 Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session: no
 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.
 Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
 Absent: Treasurer Shirley Oldman

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Vice-Chairman William Denemy, Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant

Legal Staff Present: Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Assistant General Counsel

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager, Albert Colby, Jr.-Tribal Administrator, Valerie Tweedie, Chief Financial Officer

Commission, Boards and Committees: none

Guests: Harvey Gibson, Eleanor Barber, Andrew Stich

Opening Ceremony: Frank Ettawageshik

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda for December 4, 2005, as amended.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the minutes of November 20, 2005 as presented.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Elder's verbal report from Harvey Gibson on December 4, 2005.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Legal Department's report as presented by Allie Maldonado Assistant General Counsel.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

10:48 a.m. Recess called
 10:54 a.m. Meeting reconvened

11:48 a.m. Public Comment opened: Harvey Gibson, Eleanor Barber
 12:00 p.m. Public Comment closed

12:01 p.m. Lunch Recess called
 1:38 p.m. Meeting Resumed with Executive Report

3:00 p.m. Recess called
 3:07 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Executive Branch report as presented by Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Resolution #120405-01 Support for Public Acquisition of Big Rock Point.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Resolution #120405-02 Authorizing Chairman to Sign Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion Carried

3:59 p.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich
 4:06 p.m. Public Comment closed

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve EXEC ELD 135-00 Elder's Housekeeping Policy, Elder's Housing Keeping Program
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve EXEC ELD 130-00 Elder's Snow Plowing Policy, Elder's Snowplowing Program.
 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained (Councilor Gasco Bentley), 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #120405-03 Appropriation of Additional Funds for 2005 Per Capita Distribution

Budget.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Council Resolution #120405-04 Tribal Council Code of Conduct and Ethics.
 Motion Withdrawn

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt resolution #120405-04 Tribal Council Higher Education Scholarship Ad-Hoc Committee.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara that we accept the receipt of nominations from the Executive for Judicial, Prosecutorial and Commissions as presented by Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik on December 4, 2005.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Resolution #120405-05 Authorizing the Legal Department to File Complaints.
 Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
 Motion Carried

5:15 p.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adjourn.
 Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Treasurer Oldman)
 Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
 Approved:
 Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Secretary



Community Resources

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Food Distribution Program

General Information

- Low-Income program
- Alternative to Food Stamps
 - Cannot receive commodities & food stamps in same month.
- Native Americans living in the 27 counties-see map (north of & east of arrows)



Community Resources
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 Phone: 231-242-1626

The LTBB Housing Department Programs

SHORT TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE: THIS PROGRAM OFFERS UP TO \$1,500.00 FOR NEW TENANTS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE FIRST MONTH'S RENT AND/OR SECURITY DEPOSIT. THIS CAN BE USED ONE TIME ONLY AND THE RENT REQUESTED MUST BE AFFORDABLE AND MAY NOT EXCEED 30% OF THE HOUSEHOLD'S MONTHLY INCOME.



HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - THIS PROGRAM OFFERS UP TO \$2,500 FOR NON-COSMETIC HOME REPAIRS AND MAY BE UTILIZED ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE - THIS PROGRAM OFFERS UP TO \$5,000 OR 10% OF YOUR MORTGAGE (WHICHEVER IS LESS OF THE TWO) AND CAN BE USED TO PURCHASE OR RE-FINANCE A HOME.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM: THIS PROGRAM OFFERS UP TO \$3,000 TO ASSIST IN FORECLOSURE PREVENTION.

WELL & SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: FUNDED BY THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES LOCATED IN SNUIT ST. MARIE, MI; THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES THE RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WELL AND SANITATION SERVICE OR REPLACEMENT OF DEFICIENT EXISTING WELL/SEPTIC.

CREDIT COUNSELING: OUR COUNSELING PROVIDES TRIBAL MEMBERS THE KNOWLEDGE IT TAKES TO GAIN FINANCIAL STABILITY AND CREDIBILITY.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM: THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST FAMILIES, FOR A LIMITED TIME, UNTIL PERMANENT HOUSING CAN BE FOUND. **LIMITED AVAILABILITY.** PLEASE SUBMIT LETTER OF INTEREST AND YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED ON OUR WAITING LIST.

ELDERS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE ELDER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSISTS OF 12 UNITS AND IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VERY LOW TO MODERATE INCOME LEVEL ELDERLY TRIBAL MEMBERS, AGE 55 AND OLDER. PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION AND YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED ON OUR WAITING LIST.



LTBB Community Workshop

First Steps to Renewable Energy on Tribal Lands

Friday Evening, January 20, 2006 7-9 pm
 Saturday Morning, January 21, 2006 9-12 noon
 Located at the LTBB Government Complex

This is a community-wide event. Anyone interested in the development of renewable energy for the Tribe is welcome and encouraged to attend

Child Passenger Safety Seats Available

- Infant Car Seats (available soon)
- Convertible Car Seats
- High Back Booster Seats
- Booster Seats



Contact Information:
Tina Shawano, MCH RN
Child Passenger Safety Technician
Health Start Program
Bear River Health Park
(231) 242-1614

New Tribal Government Employees



Anne Stander

Aanii,
 I am delighted to join the Archives and Records Department as Curriculum Specialist for the Language Program. A new ANA grant will enable the Language Department to organize Anishnaabemowin classes for

the whole community. I will be working with Carla McFall and Winnay Wemigwase to revitalize Anishnaemowin as a living language in Northern Michigan. I grew up half in the Detroit area and half in Interlochen. After getting degrees in English and Poetry, I fell into teaching foreign exchange students English as a Second Language. That's when my love of other languages began; I spent two years teaching in Mexico and five years in Eastern Europe. While not a fluent speaker yet in any language other than English, I learned enough to talk my way out of trouble (Spanish) talk my way into heaps of trouble (Romanian) and listen well enough to keep my mouth shut

(Russian).
 Every language casts a beam of light on the meaning of human existence, and the loss of any language robs humanity of understanding itself. The language of the Odawa is very close to extinction. While the program will start with children, it will also take several hundred adults, especially young people, several years of dedication to acquire the ability to speak Anishnaabemowin fluently. Are you one of them? I hope to see you at language events. Miigwech for the warm welcome I have received from everyone.

Anne Stander
 Language Program Curriculum Specialist

Waganakising Odawa Business Technology Training Program

Attention Students:

WOBTT Winter semester will begin **Monday, January 9, 2006**



Attention

Drop into the Education Department or Call (231) 242-1484 to enroll or for more information

Space is limited so act now!



Looking For Ex-Smokers Willing to Tell Their Stories

One of the areas the Steps Grant focuses on is smoking cessation efforts. Michigan ranks high among the states for the percentage of smokers, and the health impact continues to grow. Many organizations are looking for ways to improve how we currently run smoking cessation classes, and the best way I can think of is to get information from the successful. I know there are a lot of people out there who have managed to quit smoking, and I would like to talk with you about your efforts to quit; what worked, what helped, what didn't help and what would you recommend to others who are trying to quit.



Please don't dismiss this notice because you don't think there was anything remarkable or dramatic about your effort. Your story may be just the inspiration someone out there needs to hear and you just don't know it yet!

If you have any questions, or are willing to share your story with me, call me at 1(231)242-1664 or email me at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and I will set something up. Also, if you are a smoker who is interested in quitting, or who has tried to quit and not been successful yet, or a family member of someone who walked on because of smoking-related illness, I would still like your story.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Migwech!

Regina Brubaker, RN
 LTBB Health Educator

Individual Tribal Members Treaty Rights Revoked			
Case #	Members Name	Date Order signed	Amount owed
H-006-0601	Patricia Booth	9/20/01	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-007-0701	Charles Mulholland	10/10/01	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-010-1101	Robert Keshick	1/30/02	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-011-1101	Michael E. Keshick	11/2/01	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-019-1102	Charles Barber	2/7/04	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-020-1102	Joseph Medicine	2/7/03	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-021-1102	Michael Minor	11/21/03	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-022-1102	Joseph Beaver	11/18/04	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-023-0203	Russell J Massee	8/15/03	\$300.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-024-1203	Anthony T Hudson	7/2/04	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-026-0104	Michael Foreman	8/23/04	\$100.00 Fines & Court Costs
H-030-0704	John William Adams	12/13/04	\$150.00 Fines, Court Costs & Contempt Costs

Note: Members wishing to Re-Instate Treaty Privileges must Petition the Court and pay outstanding fines & court costs with an additional \$50.00 filing fee.

Linda C Harper, Court Clerk Date issued 12/2/05



Shannon Wemigwase

Aanii,
 My name is Shannon Wemigwase and I am happy to be the new Third Party Billing Specialist for the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Clinic. I bring to LTBB over 5 years experience in the Medical Billing field from my previous employment with the Burns Clinic Medical Center and Northern Michigan Hospital. I reside in Harbor Springs with my husband Patrick Wemigwase and our daughter Charlotte. I am excited about my new career with LTBB and look forward to serving the membership.

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The applications for this program will be available starting October 1st.

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services or call 231-242-1626 for an application.

There are 3 types of assistance available:

- **Direct:** Any assistance that is not emergency
- **Emergency:** Will help with Shut-off or tank less than 10%
- **Weatherization:** insulation, storm door, etc.

Womens Hand Drum
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 Tuesdays: 1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
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Winter Solstice 2005



Report from New Orleans

by Regina Brubacker

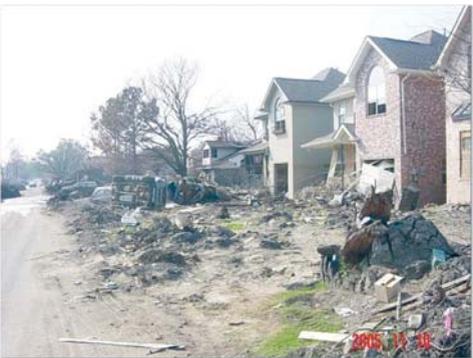


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Imagine that your house was destroyed by fire, and everything in it that you weren't able to grab on your way out the door was damaged beyond salvaging.

What would you do? Where would you turn?

Usually, someone who has suffered this sort of disaster has all sorts of assistance available, right down to using your neighbor's phone to call your insurance company.

Unfortunately for the survivors of Katrina, almost all of their neighbors are just as affected. The available aid is strained because the agencies have never before had to deal with as large a

disaster as this one.

In early November I was privileged to travel to New Orleans with the Red Cross and work as Health Support staff at the Magnolia Park shelter in Folsom, New Orleans for ten days. By now, many of those displaced by the hurricane have been able to go home, even though their life will never be the same. There were still some who were caught in limbo while I was there, however; waiting for assistance from FEMA, or their insurance companies, or some other agency, before they could get on with their lives.

Many people since I've been back have asked me what it was like. For the

most part, all I can say is that it wasn't what I was expecting. When you think of volunteering for disaster relief, you think of crises, emergencies, and trying to save lives. By the time I got there, the people who called the shelter home had been there for almost three months. Several people had homes or property, but because of storm or flood damage they were uninhabitable. They had been living in a gym, sleeping on an army-style cot, with everything they owned stacked around their cot in Rubbermaid Totes. They were dealing with frustration, depression, and anger because of the lengthy wait. I spent many hours just talking with them. On my one day off, I drove into the city with several other volunteers to view some of the damage. Whole neighborhoods have been abandoned because the homes aren't fit to live in. We drove past ghost towns, bare of human and animal life. The high water lines on the sides of many of the houses were almost at the top of the door. There were piles of trashed household goods along many side streets because the water damage had ruined them, and the

streets looked like those in any war-torn third world country. There are no green yards; all are full of bricks of dried cracked mud the floods left behind. There are so many stories, of disaster and doom and sadness, and heroism and kindness beyond imagining, that it's impossible to share them all.

The debate still going on is whether to rebuild New Orleans, and if it's even possible. The projected cost is unimaginable. All I can say for certain is that this year at Thanksgiving, I saw those clients at my shelter, sitting on a cot with boxes around them, and thought of all the small everyday things I take for granted that they were so appreciative of.

When I was preparing to leave I was told that it would be a life changing experience. On an intellectual level I understood that, but it wasn't until I shared their lives that I felt it.

Migwech to the tribe for allowing me this experience.

Sincerely,
Regina Brubacker, RN
LTBB Health Educator.

News From Substance Abuse/Mental Health

Aanii,
All of the staff at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department hopes that everyone is enjoying the holiday season. We hope that this will be an excellent year for all us!

Chi-Migwech to those who came and enjoyed the day with Gene Thin Elk at our Circle of Hope holiday event. He gave us much food for thought. His presentation was about our journey, the Red Road, that we travel in this lifetime. He told us that we have a powerful mind and when we use it in a positive way it is because of our contact with our Creator in the morning to help us begin our day. We are not to limit our Creator and we need to see the love of the Creator in everyone we see. We are "Sacred" and when we realize that we do not have to use alcohol, drugs or do anything that would harm ourselves or others. He said that forgiveness is the ability to release ourselves from resentment, anger, emotional pain. As long as we cannot forgive we are limiting our Creator. Then our lives become "ego vs we-go." In that ego state, "it's about me." Whereas when we are in a "we-go" state we are thinking of each other and how we affect our environment. What we think affects our environment. Wellness is our responsibility in this life. He said that healing is a gift but that wellness is our responsibility. We have a POWERFUL MIND and our mind is sacred. Whatever hurts us the most we must embrace it and make it our friend. Fear is what paralyzes us and is created in our minds, that is why when we use it in a positive way, the fears are diminished. He then described a day living the "Natural" way and one in an "Unnatural" way. The Natural way is:

we must
Emotional: to evaluate our selves, we must
1) be aware of our feelings/emotions
2) express our feelings appropriately

The Unnatural way of life:
Emotional: we evaluate ourselves by our feelings
1) Unaware of our feelings or aware but don't know what to do about our feelings so we may use some type of escape to not feel, i.e., alcohol, drugs, rage, depression, etc.
2) Repress our feelings or express inappropriately

Physical: Over-react or don't act at all

1) we don't have the energy or too much energy (being too busy)
2) Over think everything, worry a lot

Ritual (vs. Spiritual): We become desperate

1) lack commitment or over-commit ourselves
2) we don't listen or we may listen but don't follow through with action

To summarize what Gene said with his powerful words is to dishonor him. I wished you could have all listened to him. His message was inspirational. It helped us to work through our stresses of the holiday season. I am hoping we will invite him back here again only for a longer period of time. The rest of the evening was fun-filled, we ate, shared gifts with each other and danced. I am hoping we will do this often, just to have an evening together for socialization and visiting. Call us and

let us know if you have any ideas.



A reminder: We will be offering Guiding Good Choices parenting classes beginning Tuesday, January 10, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Government Building in Education Department's conference room. It will run for five consecutive Tuesdays. LTBB employees will be able to use education hours per the Employee Handbook policies. This parenting curriculum is a substance abuse prevention program that will help you teach your children refusal skills (regarding substance abuse), better communication skills, and building on healthy family beliefs. It is geared for parents of children who are pre-teen, but we will welcome all parents. Come and join us. Please call our office to register at 242-1640 or 242-1642.



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FEBRUARY 1-MARCH 29, 06
TIME: 6:00-7:00 PM**

**WE WILL ALTERNATE WEEKS BETWEEN YOUTH AGES 10-17 YEARS OLD & ADULTS 18 & OVER, BEGINNING WITH YOUTH.
QUESTIONS CALL CATHY GIBSON @ 231 242-1601
OR REGINA BRUBACKER @ 231 242-1664**

2006 ANNUAL SNOWSNAKE GAMES

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2005

WHERE: LTBB GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

TIME: 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

POT LUCK

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISHES TO PASS.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FROM

12:00 P.M.-1:30 P.M.

THE DIABETES PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE MEAT.

SOUP, COFFEE & APPLE CIDER WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 10:00 PM.-12:00 P.M.

1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE MEDALS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING MALE AND FEMALE CATEGORIES.

- PRESCHOOL AGES 1-4
- KINDERGARTEN-2ND GRADE
- 3RD-5TH GRADE
- 6TH-8TH GRADE
- 9TH-12 GRADE
- 18-34 YEARS OLD
- 35-49 YEARS OLD
- 50-64 YEARS OLD
- 65 & UP

Competitors must be pre-registered to be eligible for awards. (No Exceptions) Registration closes on February 18, 2004 @ 8:30 a.m. Rules and registration forms will be available in the newsletter, by fax or email or you can pick up at the Community Health/Diabetes Program, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI. Please call Cathy Gibson @ 231 242-1601, fax 231 242-1619 or email: cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe

January is, of course, the time for New Years Resolutions, and many people start out with good intentions and grand schemes for change. Very few people, however, manage to maintain their plans for long. A lot of people are so skeptical of resolutions that they don't even try anymore. Magazines even publish articles about why they "don't work".

Just why is it that we fail so often at New Years Resolutions?

One of the more common causes for failure is that we don't make our resolutions specific, measurable, or sustainable. For instance, I would love to lose some weight this year (same as every year). If I said my resolution was to lose weight, it would be neither specific nor measurable. Even if I said my resolution was to lose fifty pounds by spring, I would be asking for failure. I would probably start by trying to cut back on my calories. In half a week I would feel hungry all the time and start to feel deprived, and in less than a week I would have fallen off the diet wagon. That starts the feelings of guilt, and before I know it I'm feeling depressed because I've failed another diet attempt and turning to food for comfort. If I'm going to be fat, I might as well earn it, right? Sound familiar to anyone else?

This year at the Native Americans and Diabetes and Heart Disease Conference all the experts agreed that the methods we use to fight diabetes, heart disease, and obesity are not effective. Disease rates are increasing instead of decreasing. All agencies state that we need to look at things from a new angle. The message is simple: Americans need to eat better and be more active. Throw the words "diet" and "exercise" out of our vocabularies; there's too much negativity associated with both. Come to that, there's a lot of negativity associated with New Years Resolutions as well.

Maybe we should start over with this, as well. I like the sound of New Life Resolutions. Each day is an opportunity to start life over, a New Life. I may not lose any weight today, but I can take care of myself in other ways. If you would like to learn more about how to take better care of yourself, there are a lot of places to go to check it out. Here is a listing of websites you could check out:

www.mypyramid.gov - the United States Department of Agriculture's website, with information about the food guide pyramid, tips and resources for adults and children, and even an interactive tool to track your food intake.

www.diabetes.org - the home page of the American Diabetes Association, containing information on diabetes prevention, nutrition, physical activity, research, and even lower- or no-sugar cooking and baking.

www.justmoveit.org - the home page of Native American activity programs across the country. Their goal is to share

success stories to encourage more physical activity and to get one million Native Americans more active.

www.michigan.gov/surgeon-general - the website for Michigan Steps Up, an interactive web site where you can plan your own personal path to healthier habits.

For more information, feel free to contact me at (231)242-1601. Migwech!

Regina Brubaker, RN, LTBB
Steps Health Educator.

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For middle income tribal members USDA Rural Development offers the "Guaranteed Home Loan Program". Tribal members can get a home loan from an approved local lender such as a bank or credit union. Through the "Guaranteed Home Loan Program" tribal members get a no-downpayment, thirty-year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. The "Guaranteed Loan Program" also works on or off reservation.

Tribal members can purchase new or existing homes and condominiums through this program. Even new manufactured homes are eligible for purchase through this program. However, tribal members must purchase their home in an area considered rural by USDA Rural Development. In Michigan, the entire Upper Peninsula is considered rural. In the Lower Peninsula, everywhere from Clare County northward is considered rural. And every county south of Clare County has parts considered rural by USDA Rural Development.

Income limits also apply to both home loan programs. For more information or to request an application contact the Traverse City USDA Rural Development office directly at 1-800-944-8119. (TDD/TTY: 1-800-649-3777) USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

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First set will start on
Monday January 9, 2006
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Next set will start on
Monday February 20, 2006
and will run for
6 consecutive Mondays



For more information contact
Cathy Olson at 231-242-1620.

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Honoring Our Children by
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Boyerne Area Title VII Indian Education 2006 Snow Snake Workshops

- 1st Workshop
Boyerne City High school 6-9 pm
Wood Shop
Saturday January 6th 2006
- 2nd Workshop
Boyerne City High school 1-5 pm
Wood Shop
Thursday January 12th 2006
- 3rd Workshop
Mancelona High school 6-9pm
Friday January 13th 2006
(This is the luckiest day of the year.)
- 4th Workshop
Mancelona High school 1-5pm
Saturday January 14th 2006

Materials are limited to first come, first serve. Workshops are set up as family activities. All children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult, No exceptions. Parents and or accompanying adults (Aunt's & Uncle's) are responsible for the completion of this project, not the Title VII staff. This is a school/ Title VII sponsored event, appropriate behavior is expected. Can't make it to a workshops, call for a material list and a how to page. For more information call,
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Email: skkarenh@saulttribe.net.

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News From our Elder's Department

Warren Petoskey, Coordinator

Aanii LTBB Elders,
We hope this communication finds you well, safe and warm. Winter is upon us, as well as the holiday season.

We have established snowplowing and housecleaning services for those LTBB Tribal Elders living in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan Counties. Both of these services are offered on a needs basis only. Eligibility will be based on Housing Income Guidelines, living alone and verifiable health limitations. Interested applicants can complete an application with the LTBB Elders Program by picking up an application or by calling 231-242-1423 and completing an application over the phone.

We also wanted to make the LTBB Elders to be aware of a program to assist Elders with heating costs this winter. Assistance will be based on Housing Income Guidelines. When submitting a request for assistance, the applicant should submit a copy of their annual income, i.e., pension, social security, etc., and a brief letter of

explanation, as well as a copy of the heating bill. This program is only to provide heating cost assistance. Send your proof of income, brief letter of explanation and copy of heating cost to Albert Colby Jr., Tribal Administrator, LTBB Government Building, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740.

If you are planning to visit the Petoskey area we hope that you will plan your visit on one or both days of our weekly Elder's luncheons at the LTBB Government Complex. Our luncheons are Tuesday and Thursday each week beginning at noon.

Miigwetch!

Warren Petoskey
Elders Outreach Coordinator
Tina Sutton
Assistant Elders Outreach Coordinator



From the desk of the Tribal Chairman

Frank Ettawageshik

Tribal Presider Comments

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, Summit II, Chicago, IL

December 12, 2005

I'd like to acknowledge our distinguished attendees today: Members of Congress, Tribal Leaders, Great Lakes Mayors, Federal Representatives from Executive Departments and Agencies, and many friends of the Great Lakes. I'd like to remind everyone that I speak today with the consent, and on behalf, of the members of the Tribal Caucus for this Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Either individually or through consortium, we have here today elected leaders or staff from many of the 35 Great Lakes Basin Tribal governments. The importance of this issue of water is certainly demonstrated by the presence of so many distinguished leaders from such a broad group of governments and organizations. I am humbled to be able to be able to bring these words to such a group.

Our children should not have to fear for their future. Our elders should no longer have to hear the cries of pain from Mother Earth. Over the past year I've spoken with Tribal and First Nation citizens and leaders from throughout the entire Great Lakes Basin: young people, elders, men and women, hunters, fishermen, farmers, dancers and storytellers, council members and chiefs, pipe carriers and other tradition bearers. What they have told me is that they fear for the water. They fear for their own survival and the survival of our people. They also have told me that we are one with creation, that we have sacred duties to ourselves and to all those beings with whom we share this world. These duties are exemplified in our thoughts and actions towards each of the elements that make up this creation: represented by the physical, the spiritual, the emotional and the mental.

Through the work of hundreds of volunteers throughout the entire Great Lakes Basin a strategic plan for restoring and protecting the waters of the Great Lakes has been prepared. Do we all now breathe a sigh of relief? Do we now go home and get on with other matters? No. Our work has barely begun. This Strategic Plan that we offer today outlines and defines issues that we must work on. It also suggests ways by which we can address these issues. Quoting from the Executive Summary, "The Collaboration partners have rallied around a shared vision of a restored, sustainable Great Lakes ecosystem that has generated optimism and engendered a spirit of cooperation. What is needed now is the will to act and the leadership to proceed if we are to realize our vision and reach our goals. The time to begin is now."

The question of how to pay for the restoration after years of the effects of harmful actions has been raised. This certainly will be a challenge for governments at all levels. Listening to the myriad thoughts that have come together over the past year it would be easy to be overwhelmed. But the real issue that we need to face is first within ourselves, within our own hearts and minds.

Last December we signed the Great Lakes Declaration that started us on this shared journey. Today we sign a Resolution that acknowledges the work of the past year that created this Strategic Plan and moves us on to implementation. All of this plan and the hundreds of pages of appendices can be summed up as follows: If it is harmful, don't do it; if we are already doing it, then stop; if harm is coming from what we already have done, then we must undo it. These are simple words, but they lead to great and complicated tasks.

The most difficult task however doesn't have to cost us any money. That task is one that is a challenge for everyone here, everyone who is listening to these words, and everyone who reads them in the future. Change yourself and your own life. Conserve water, respect the life that depends upon it, accept the fact that there are limits to our natural resources, demand that our businesses and governments adapt to these limits, and finally, celebrate the limitless potential that is within us all.

Attention Tribal Contractors

Tribal contractors who wish to be considered for bidding on the construction of the new casino development please contact the Planning Department to have your information placed on a list of individuals and companies that will be sent bidding information

We are also compiling a list of potential construction workers to be provided to our construction services contractor. 231-242-1400

Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office has Tribal Directories for sale to LTBB members \$5.00 each

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Tribal Telephone Directory

Tammy Gasco, Receptionist	231-242-1400	Alan Proctor, G.I.S. Director	242-1597
Tribal Administration		Housing Department	
Melissa Wiatroluk, Administrative Assistant	242-1420	Margaret Gasco, Administrative Assistant	242-1540
Council Office		Human Resources Department	
Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant	242-1406	Susan Gasco, Human Resources Representative	242-1555
Chairman's Office		Legal Department	
Ellie Payton, Administrative Assistant	242-1401	Su Lantz, Legal Assistant	242-1407
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Communications Department		Planning Department	
Melissa Barber, Director	242-1427	Vacant, Administrative Assistant	242-1588
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Kristi Houghton, Contracts Manager	242-1426	Linda Harper, Court Clerk	242-1462
Economic Development Department		Tribal Health Clinic	
Susan Swadling, EDD Assistant	242-1582	Tribal Health Clinic	242-1700
Education Department		Dawn Kilpatrick, Receptionist	242-1700
Beverly Wernigwase, Administrative Assistant	242-1480	Health Department	
Elders Department		Gwen Gasco, Administrative Assistant	242-1611
Tina Sutton, Elders Program Assistant	242-1423	Owen LaVeque, Transportation	242-1602
Enrollment Department		Kathleen Willis, Contract Health Receptionist	242-1607
Linda Keshick, Administrative Assistant	242-1521	Heidi Bosma, Maternal Child Health Outreach	242-1614
Environmental Department		Human Services Department	
Regina Gasco, Environmental Assistant	242-1574	Theresa Chingwa, Administrative Assistant	242-1621
Facilities Department		Administrative Assistant/Intake Worker	242-1620
Steve Clausen, Facilities Manager	242-1532	Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department	
G.I.S. Department		Jenifer Wilson, Office/Intake Coordinator	242-1642
		Natural Resources Department	
		Fiona Banfield, Administrative Assistant	242-1670

Lines From our Membership

Birthday Announcements

Happy 14th Birthday **Adam Chippewa** who celebrates his special day on January 10th!
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to **Michael Sutton** on January 6th!
Love, Your sister

Happy Birthday Wishes to a Great Brother and Sister: **Linda Keshick** on January 28 and **Don Keshick** on January 31.
With Love, from your sister, Yvonne

Happy Birthday wish to **Aaron Wemigwase** who celebrates on January 2nd! From all his family

Have a happy Fun-Filled Birthday on January 5th **Jaxon Jewel!** The big 2! You are beautiful and exceptional. We will always love you, no matter how mischevious you are!!
Love you mother and father

Happy Birthday to my litle brother **Jaxon Young.** Thanks for being such a good fighter... and you better watch it!!
Love your big Brother,
Jayden Young

Mno-dibishkaan nangwa to **Carter Clifton McFall** whose birthday falls on January 16th. Here's wishing you a super-duper day Ngwis and many more to come. . . Gazaagan-your family and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday **Kurt!**
From your bro Jeremiah

Wishing my baby sister, **Collen Field** a very happy birthday on January 9th. You have dome more for our mother than all of us put together! I want you to know that I love you dearly for that and am so very proud of you!!!
Love you, Judy

Happy birthday to my little sister, **Pricilla** and my nephew, **Shai Leist** on January 1 and 2nd!
Enjoy you day, mother and son.
Love ya's, Judy

Happy birthday **Gerald Lee Field** on January 27th...it doesn't seem possible that you have been "my special angel" all these years. So very proud of what a fantastic father you are...coach!..and try to stay away from Moe and his bad habits!! ha ha
All my love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my wonderful children; **Linda Keshick** on January 28th and **Don Keshick** on January 31st! I love you both dearly.
Mom

Happy Birthday on the 27th to **Uncle Jer!** We love you Uncle and we will be thinking of you!!
Love, Your nephews, Jayden and Jaxon Young

We just wanted to say "Happy Birthday to **Grandma Judy!**" We love you, miss you, and hope you will come to see us soon and play in the snow and have a snowball fight with us!
Love your little Jewels, Jayden and Jaxon

Happy **55th** birthday to our wild, crazy, wonderful, beautiful, generous, and loving **mother.** We love you Judy. Have a wonderful day on January 16th!
Love, Lisa and Keno Young

To the best niece in the entire nishanbee community: **LINDA SUE KESHICK,** we wish you a happy b'day, and we WILL be there this summer;
love auntie toots and auntie meel...

Mno dibishkaan nangwa on January 27th to our brother **Jesse James King.** Have a fun day Jess! From your sisters, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mno dibishkaan nangwa to our son, **Bobby Yellowbank** on January 10th. Have a great day Ngwis!
Gazaagan-Gashi miinwaa Nos

Happy birthday **Aunt Boots...**"All in"...have a happy birthday and we'll play poker soon.
Love ya, Skippy

Happy Birthday **Mom...** hope you have a great day filled with joy and laughs from your family..get the I.O.U. sheet out lol...love you mom
Love you lots, your son, Skippy

Birthday wishes to my "older" sister, **Linda Keshick** on January 28th!! Be careful, dear sister, for the wrath of the grape gods have no mercy!! Enjoy you birthday weekend!!
Love, your younger sister T

Happy Birthday to **Don "Ho" Keshick** on January 31st.
With love, Theresa, Michael and Jordan

Happy Birthday wishes to our good friend, **Linda Keshick.** You are just like your favortie drink..fine wine.. you just keep getting better with age!!!! we love you dearly.
All the gals from the office, yeah all the ones that will always be younger than you!!!!

Happy Birthday on January 8th to my grandmother, **Irene Petoskey!**
Love, Tina

Happy 18th Birthday **YaLynn!**
Happy 20th Birthday **Paul!**
We miss you, we love you!
Love Dad & Kathy Nanegos

Happy Birthday wishes to **Tony Clark** in Escanaba, Michigan who celebrated his birthday on December 30th! Happy Birthday!
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday wishes to **Larry Stead** who celebrates a January Birthday! Have a great day!
Love, Aunt Diane & Uncle Tom

Walking On . . .

John F. Shenoskey



John F. Shenoskey, age 58 passed away Saturday, November 26, 2005 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was born August 14, 1947 to William J and Margaret R (Kiwe) Shenoskey. His parents preceeded him in

death, as well as one brother, Clarence. John attended Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He spent his summer youth months in Cederville, Michigan with his family. John worked various jobs most of his adult life in the Grand Rapids area. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and an avid outdoorsman. John is survived by his family; two sisters, Lucille Winberg, of Manistique, Michigan and Alice (Chuck) Honson of Oden, Michigan many nephews, nieces and cousins. He is also survived by his step-children, Debbie (Bruce) Hoyt, David (Barb) Gort, Dennis (Susan) Gort, and 9 step-grandchildren. A family memorial service was held on December 2, 2005 in Pierson, Michigan. A traditional Native service will take place at a later date. Upon Johns wishes cremation has taken place.

Richard Kevin Laughlin



Richard Kevin Laughlin, 40, of Harbor Springs walked on December 7, 2005.

Richard's sense of humor and outrageous antics will be missed by all who knew him.

Richard was born on July 14, 1965, in Detroit, to the late Virginia "Janet" (Kishigo) Laughlin and Thomas John Laughlin. Richard graduated from Harbor Springs High School in 1984.

He was a long time resident of Harbor Springs, but also called Hillman and Harper Woods his home.

He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Three children from his first marriagae to Peggy Seamon survive him, sons, Kevin and Christopher, and a daughter, Cathleen Ronk; and two daughters from his second

marriage to Melissa Naganashe, Nicole and Josephine Laughlin; his family, Brian Laughlin of Macomb, Barry (Barb) Laughlin of Harbor Springs, Duane "Jeffery" Laughlin of Grosse Pointe, Valerie (Jim) Biro of Harper Woods, Sharon (Randy) Miller of Eaton, CO, Christopher Laughlin of Mt.Pleasant, Cynthia (Ray) Rivard of Macomb and Linda (Abe) Thiessen of Charlevoix; and many, many nieces and nephews all will miss him dearly. Funeral Services were held December 10 at Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey, Michigan. Internment will be in the Spring at Lakeview Cemetary in Harbor Springs.

Birth Announcement



Sophia Charmaine Henry

Congratulations to Meredith & Kenroy Henry on the arrival of their healthy baby girl, Sophia Charmaine Henry, born on November 28, at 6lbs 14 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Enjoy your new addition to your family...embrace each experience to the fullest...and always make time for yourselves. Lots of Lovin;...the Environmental Services Department

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Krystina Peariso** who made the honor roll, the first semester of her sophomore year. Good job and keep it up!
Love, Mom, Rachel and Sandi

Chi Miigwech

My granddaughter, **Sierra Anthony,** was diagnosed with liver cancer in May of 2005. She has endured six months of chemotherapy which shrunk the tumor but was found to be embedded in her liver. She was placed on the pediatric transplant waiting list.

On December 7th, Sierra had liver transplant surgery. The surgery went well and the doctors are amazed at her recovery. She went home on December 17th and Grandma'am Anthony said Sierra is scooting around on her "bum" and playing as though she never had surgery. Her mother and father, however, are still exhausted and catching up on their rest.

My sincere and heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone for their compassion and prayers during this trying time for my family. Chi-megwetch to everyone.
Susan Swadling and Family

2006 Elder's Association Calendars

For Sale \$15.00 per calendar without coupons
\$25.00 with Casino coupons.

If interested contact: Harvey Gibson, Elders Association at 231-526-2079

In Memory . . .

Written by **Nicole Laughlin**

Richard Kevin Laughlin was 40 years old. Whether it was playing games with him or eating Doritos while watching NASCAR races, we always had fun with him. He'll always be our Dad no matter what. One of the funniest things we did was take our Monte Carlo to the store for more Doritos. Whenever we were sad, he cheered us up. Whenever somebody at school was picking on us, he simply said, "Fight back and always remember that you are a Laughlin and don't forget that!"

He had five children. 2 handsome young men and 3 beautiful young ladies. Kevin his eldest son, is now in college and is trying to get a job. Christopher, his youngest son is in the 9th grade and doing good. Cathleen, his eldest daughter is soon to graduate from high shcool. Nicole, his second oldest daughter is in Shay Elementary along with her sister Josephine. He was always glad to hear that his children were doing good in school, and he was always proud of all of us. He was loved very much by his family. I will always remember him as a good man and a good Dad!

Student News



Derek Richard William McNamara

On December 10th, 2005 was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications, Information Studies and Media from Michigan State University. Derek made the Dean's list on many different occasions. He was a High School graduate from Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport Schools and was also an All-State selection in the field of sports. Derek is the son of Dexter and Debbie McNamara from Pigeon Michigan and the Grandson of Viola McNamara of Petoskey.

Mom and Dad say we are very proud of you Derek and we love you very much. Dad says, "Now get a job!"
Go Green!

From the Alex Cornstalk Jr. relatives....

Chiimegwetch to the LTBB fire-keepers
For all your help at our Uncle/brother's fire in Charlevoix and Chiimegwetch to the Biidaaskay drum for their song!!

